

To: Village Board, All Committee Members, and Others
From: John M. Walther, Administrator
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Subject: Weekly Update



Police Department

The radar display box is fixed and back in service on Jackson Drive near the school.

During a staff meeting Wednesday evening, Officers Henning, Oswald, and Gerke received commendations for their performance during and after the shooting incident on July 1.

The police and fire departments will hand out Packer football cards at Jackson Elementary and Morning Star School next week. The police department will participate in the annual “walk to school” event on October 5th.

Squad #3 (2013) needs a new catalytic converter. Squad #7 (2015) has intermittent problems with its stability control system. Both issues will be covered by warranty. Several squads will have tires replaced next week.

Fire Department

The JFD responded to one fire and eleven medical calls. The fire call was at the boundary limit of the Jackson and West Bend Fire territories. A fire broke out in the basement presumably caused by another dehumidifier. An eighteen year old with Down syndrome, trapped in the basement, was pulled to safety.

The JFD is working to develop a falling prevention program to help the elderly. Six percent of these falls are serious enough to require hospitalization. Falls may also lead to premature death. Wisconsin has one of the highest rates of death in the nation from unintentional falls. In fact, the death rate due to unintentional falls in Wisconsin is twice the national average. The good news is falls are preventable.

The JFD awards banquet was held Monday evening recognizing everyone that gives of their time outside of their everyday lives. Volunteer and paid-on-call fire departments around the country are becoming more difficult to staff. A study is being done to see how we can staff fire departments in the future because people are just too busy to commit to a schedule. So, we recognize our personnel to hopefully keep volunteers coming in to serve our community.

Joint Parks and Recreation

Adult Volleyball leagues begin Wednesday, October 5th at the Community Center.

The Glo Run Committee met Wednesday night to finalize preparations for the Glo Run Saturday, October 15th. Don't forget to register to run/walk or call the Community Center to volunteer if you are available.

A huge thank you to CJ for completing his Eagle Scout project and putting up the beautiful wood chair railing for us in the Gathering Hall at the Community Center.

The deadline to sign up for the Downtown Milwaukee Progressive Ethnic Tour is October 7th. This is a super fun tour of many downtown restaurants and the Public Market on Wednesday October 26th. Anyone interested, please sign up soon.

Jessica went to the mental health first aid training on Thursday at CVMIC and received her Mental Health First Aid Certification.

Check out the new fall/winter guides to see all our new classes, and sign up today!

Building Inspection

The binder course was installed on the south half of the parking lot this week at Piggly Wiggly, and the final course on the north half. The ditch along Eagle Drive was graded and the culvert was replaced on the road between Piggly Wiggly and Ace Hardware.

Five certificates of occupancy were issued on Thursday and the remaining four units will be inspected today for the second twelve family building in Premier Cranberry Jackson. Four units to date have been leased in the second building.

Inspections and permit applications remain steady.

Public Works

The Jackson Water Utility continues with normal Digger's Hotline locates and meter programming. The hydrant maintenance program will be completed following the data entry. The valve exercising program is coming to an end with eighteen valves remaining. Those valves are under water or need the valve boxes cleaned out. The crew has begun reading meters for the third quarter. The radio change out program has only 604 more radios to be converted to the FlexNet system. Once completed the meter reading will be done by a push of a button.

The Street & Parks Department conducted routine activities including building and vehicle maintenance, replacing broken trash containers, and mowing. Beginning the week of October 3rd the crew will start the fall bag collection and chipping when necessary until no bags remain. The area of Jackson Drive above the water main break was repaired with asphalt. The patch will be adjusted to remove the speed bump. The water in the concession stand has been turned off for the winter season. The Industrial Drive sidewalk project will begin next week.

At the WWTP, October 1st marks the final day for effluent chlorination. The modifications to the filters seem to be working. An opportunity was taken to remove more sludge from the blue tank. The removal stopped because of funding. We should be somewhat ahead in next year's hauling.

The Wilshire Drive streetlight poles have been received. The postholes have been dug, and the electrician will begin assembling the streetlights, with installation beginning next week.

Clerk/Treasurer

The office is busy with in-person absentee voting and preparations for the election.

As additional information becomes available, preparation for the 2017 budget will continue.

Administrator

The town held its "public hearing" on Tuesday evening at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. The Village postponed its Board of Public Works meeting to allow the Village Board members to attend. Attendance was a small fraction of what was anticipated. It was much more subdued than the town's regular meeting on September 8th, but the Village still received the blame for all of the ills of society. A great deal of rumor and misinformation was exposed. Work continues in preparation for the mediation.